

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1888.

The School Census.

A State law requires that a census of children between the ages of five and eighteen shall be taken every year in the month of May. Upon the basis of these yearly reports the school money from the State is distributed to the various districts. The growth of School District No. 7 is constant from year to year, and shows an average gain of about twenty-four. In 1878 the number of children was 1414; in 1888 it is 1655, a gain of 241 in ten years. Of these 1655 as returned by the census just taken, 267 attend private schools, and 489 no school, leaving 899 as the number in attendance upon the public schools.

The number of those attending private schools is largely made up of the children at the Parochial School on State street. Comparatively few of the scholars remain in the schools until eighteen years of age. Those who leave school to engage in business largely account for the number attending no school. This will be readily seen by a glance at the table showing the ages of children returned in the census report.

Number of Children between 5 and 6...	7...	8...	9...	10...	11...	12...	13...	14...	15...	16...	17...	18...	Total
122	118	141	135	125	144	133	139	130	137	107	90	1655	

In order to regulate the attendance at the primary schools, District No. 7 has been divided by the Trustees into three smaller districts, called the Centre, Brookside, and Berkeley sub-districts.

The Brookside School receives all primary scholars residing north of Canal street, and an east and west extension of this line.

The Berkeley School receives all primary scholars not residing above Montgomery street, Joseph B. Harvey's, Conger street, and Glenwood avenue.

The Centre Primary School receives those residing between the other two districts.

Of late there has been considerable discussion indulged in as to the inadequacy of the Berkeley School building, and an organized effort made to obtain better school accommodations. Some statistics showing the number of scholars in the Berkeley School have also been furnished through these columns. As likely to throw some additional light upon this subject, the school census just completed has been looked forward to with some interest. The District Clerk has furnished us with the following result of the census in the sub-district named. The whole number of scholars in the Berkeley sub-district is 604. Of these 186 are between the ages of six and ten and so entitled to instruction in a primary school. We take these four years as more likely to show an average result than the ages from five to nine. Few children now enter before six years of age. In Watessing (south of Bloomfield avenue and west of Glenwood avenue) the whole number of children is 385, of whom 114 are between six and ten years of age. It has been proposed to reduce the size of the Berkeley sub-district to embrace all that part of the township south of Second River. If this were done the new sub-district would contain 466 children of school age, of whom 149 would be entitled to accommodation in the Berkeley School house.

The question of what changes are desirable in this building can wisely be left with the present School Board for their consideration. They have all the facts given to the public and many more which are essential to a clear understanding of the matter. There will no doubt be furnished to the voters with whatever recommendation the Trustees may see fit to suggest. Meanwhile the timid parents need not be disquieted by the crude inventions of reporters of city papers. There may be people foolish enough to believe that because a small patch of wall falls in a school building, it is therefore untenable. Such stories are popularly supposed to be proper food for those who sail the dark blue sea.

Those who live upon the land know the traditional insecurity of ceilings and think it an indication of sanity to look about for a mason rather than raise a howl in the newspaper.

A New Industry.

There are lively times in and about the Lappin Brake Shoe Company's works opposite the D. L. & W. R. R. station, these days. They have been increasing their forces in all departments for some weeks, and are now working four times the number of men they were two months ago. Their side tracks are full of cars with material coming, and the product going out.

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CINCINNATI, JUNE 7, 1887.

EDITOR, WEEKLY STATEMENT:

DEAR SIR:—About a year ago I obtained an application for \$5,000 Life Insurance from Joseph Weil, a well-known baker and confectioner, doing a lucrative business on West Sixth street, this city, and apparently in the enjoyment of perfect health. The application was filled out and signed and an appointment made to meet the examining physician the next day.

The physician was on hand, but Mr. Weil failed to appear. I called on him later to ascertain why he did not keep his appointment.

Said he "Mr. Goldfinger, I have consulted a friend with whom I advise in business matters, and he tells me that at my age, (56) insurance is too expensive and that it will not pay me to insure. I have concluded to take his advice and not insure."

"Very well," said I, "in case of your death will your friend send your wife his check for \$5,000 or will he come and take charge of your business and manage it for the benefit of your wife and children?"

"I presume not," replied Mr. Weil, and the matter dropped and no policy was issued.

This morning's paper contains the notice of Mr. Weil's death. Now is the time for his friend (?) to come to the front. Will he come?

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